GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POPULATION COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Population Commission, a statutory body this year for the ongoing census;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise amount likely to be spent on this work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): The Government has reconstituted the National Population Commission, a non-statutory body on 11th April, 2005 whose chief function shall be to review and monitor the implementation of National Population Policy and recommend measures for achieving population stabilization. The terms of reference of the National Population Commission are given in the Annexure.

The population census is conducted by the Census Commissioner appointed under the Census of India Act, 1948. There is no ongoing census in the country. The next Census will be due in 2011.

Annexure

National Commission on Population

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy with a view to meeting the goals set out in the policy.

2. To promote synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes so as to hasten population stabilization.

3 . To promote inter-sectoral coordination in planning and implementation across government agencies of the Central and State Governments, to involve the civil society and the private sector and to explore the possibilities of international cooperation in support of the goals set out in the Policy.

4. To facilitate the development of a vigorous people's movement in support of this national effort.